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SPECIAL MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL September 5, 2006

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room C of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette (7:05 p.m.), Haddad, Hawkins, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer

Absent: Koehn, Redding

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. \$200,000 Community Center Gymnasium Air Conditioning Project

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to approve the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$200,000 FOR INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONING IN THE MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER GYMNASIUM, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS, NOTES AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION.

RESOLVED,

- (a) That the Town of Mansfield appropriate TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) for costs related to installation of air conditioning in the Mansfield Community Center gymnasium and to the financing thereof, and related building improvements. The appropriation may be spent for design, acquisition and installation costs, equipment, materials, consultants' fees, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Town Council is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project and may reduce or modify the scope of the project; and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified.
- (b) That the Town issues its bonds or notes, in an amount not to exceed TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.
- (c) That the Town issue and renew temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the

General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

- (d) The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, shall sign any bonds, notes or temporary notes by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Day, Berry & Howard is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds, notes or temporary notes. The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to determine the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds, notes or temporary notes; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds, notes or temporary notes to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds, notes or temporary notes; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds, notes or temporary notes; to sell the bonds, notes or temporary notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds, notes or temporary notes.
- (e) That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.
- (f) That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by this resolution to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or temporary notes.
- (g) That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance, the Treasurer and other proper officers and officials of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds, notes or temporary notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REFERENDUM ON INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONING IN THE MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER GYMNASIUM.

RESOLVED,

(a) That pursuant to Sections 406 and 407 of the Town Charter the resolution adopted by the Council under Item 1 of this meeting, appropriating \$200,000 for installation of air conditioning in the Mansfield Community Center Gymnasium and authorizing the issue of bonds and notes and temporary notes to finance the appropriation, shall be submitted to a Special Town Meeting to be held Thursday, October 26, 2006, which Town Meeting the Town

Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to call. The Town Council hereby designates said resolution for submission to the voters at referendum in the manner provided by Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 in conjunction with the election to be held on that date, in the manner provided by said Charter and said Connecticut General Statutes including the procedures set out in Section 9–369d(b)(2) of said Statutes, and in accordance with "Ordinance Regarding the Right of Voters Who Are Not Electors to Vote at Referenda Held in Conjunction with an Election", adopted by the Mansfield Town Council on August 25, 1997. The resolution shall be placed upon the paper ballots or voting machines under the following heading:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD APPROPRIATE \$200,000 FOR INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONING IN THE MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER GYMNASIUM, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO DEFRAY SAID APPROPRIATION?"

Voters approving the resolution will vote "Yes" and those opposing said resolution shall vote "No". The Town Clerk shall publish notice of such referendum votes as part of the notice of the Special Town Meeting to be held on October 26, 2006 and of the election to be held on November 7, 2006. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

(b) That, in their discretion, the Town Clerk is authorized to prepare a concise explanatory text regarding the resolution concerning the air conditioning in the Mansfield Community Center Gymnasium; and the Town Manager is authorized to prepare additional explanatory materials regarding the resolution, such text and explanatory material to be subject to the approval of the Town Attorney and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with Section 9-369b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended.

Motion so passed unanimously.

2. \$1,000,000 Land Acquisition Program

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF LAND OR INTERESTS THEREIN FOR OPEN SPACE, MUNICIPAL, OR PASSIVE OR ACTIVE RECREATIONAL USES, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS, NOTES AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION.

RESOLVED,

(a) That the Town of Mansfield appropriate ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) for costs related to the acquisition by the Town of one or more parcels of land or interests therein for open space, municipal, or passive or active recreational uses, or any combination thereof, provided that no portion of the appropriation shall be expended for the acquisition of a particular parcel of land or interest related thereto, other than for costs preliminary to such acquisition, until such acquisition has been submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town for review pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, and has been approved by the Town Council following a public hearing held on not less than five days' published notice. The appropriation may be spent for acquisition costs, costs preliminary thereto including without limitation survey fees, testing, engineering, feasibility and planning studies related to potential acquisitions, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project and its

financing.

- (b) That the Town issue its bonds or notes, in an amount not to exceed ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The amount of bonds or notes authorized to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town for the project to the extent that such grants are not separately appropriated to pay additional project costs. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.
- (c) That the Town issue and renew temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.
- (d) The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, shall sign any bonds, notes or temporary notes by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Day, Berry & Howard is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds, notes or temporary notes. The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to determine the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds, notes or temporary notes; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds, notes or temporary notes to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds, notes or temporary notes; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds, notes or temporary notes; to sell the bonds, notes or temporary notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds, notes or temporary notes.
- (e) That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.
- (f) That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by this resolution to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules

pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or temporary notes.

(g) That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance, the Treasurer and other proper officers and officials of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds, notes or temporary notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REFERENDUM ON ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR OPEN SPACE, MUNICIPAL, OR PASSIVE OR ACTIVE RECREATIONAL USES.

RESOLVED,

(a) That pursuant to Sections 406 and 407 of the Town Charter the resolution adopted by the Council under Item 2 of this meeting, appropriating \$1,000,000 for acquisition of land or interests therein for open space, municipal, or passive or active recreational uses and authorizing the issue of bonds and notes and temporary notes to finance the appropriation, shall be submitted to the voters at referendum to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 in conjunction with the election to be held on that date, in the manner provided by said Charter and the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, including the procedures set out in Section 9–369d(b)(2) of said Statutes, and in accordance with "Ordinance Regarding the Right of Voters Who Are Not Electors to Vote at Referenda Held in Conjunction with an Election", adopted by the Mansfield Town Council on August 25, 1997. The resolution shall be placed upon the paper ballots or voting machines under the following heading:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD APPROPRIATE \$1,000,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF LAND OR INTERESTS THEREIN FOR OPEN SPACE, MUNICIPAL, OR PASSIVE OR ACTIVE RECREATIONAL USES, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO DEFRAY SAID APPROPRIATION?"

Voters approving a resolution will vote "Yes" and those opposing said resolution shall vote "No". The Town Clerk shall publish notice of such referendum votes as part of the notice of the election to be held on November 7, 2006. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

(b) That, in their discretion, the Town Clerk is authorized to prepare a concise explanatory text regarding the resolution concerning the acquisition of land or interests therein for open space, municipal, or passive or active recreational uses; and the Town Manager is authorized to prepare additional explanatory materials regarding the resolution, such text and explanatory material to be subject to the approval of the Town Attorney and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with Section 9-369b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended.

Motion so passed unanimously.

3. \$3,800,000 Middle School Electrical Heating System Conversion Project Special Appropriations and Bond Authorization

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to approve the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$3,800,000 FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE ELECTRICAL HEATING SYSTEM AT THE MANSFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH A FOSSIL-FUEL HEATING SYSTEM, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION.

RESOLVED,

- (a) That the Town of Mansfield appropriate THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,800,000) replacement of the electrical heating system at the Mansfield Middle School with a fossil-fuel heating system, including related renovations, improvements and other work. The appropriation may be spent for design, acquisition, installation and construction costs, equipment, materials, engineering and other consultant fees, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Mansfield Middle School Heating System Conversion Committee is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project and may reduce or modify the scope of the project; and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified. A portion of the appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$1,025,000 shall be applied to reimburse the Reserve Fund for Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures for expenditures made pursuant to the appropriation for the project approved by the Town Council by resolution adopted at meeting held June 12, 2006. The Town anticipates receiving a grant commitment from the State of Connecticut Department of Education for approximately 73% of eligible project costs.
- (b) That the Town issue its bonds or notes, in an amount not to exceed THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,800,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The amount of bonds or notes authorized to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town for the project to the extent that such grants are not separately appropriated to pay additional project costs. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Sections 7-369 and 10-289 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.
- (c) That the Town issue and renew temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project or the receipt of grants for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,800,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.
- (d) The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, shall sign any bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Day, Berry & Howard is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes. The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to determine the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or

notes to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes.

- (e) That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or other obligations authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.
- (f) That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds, notes or other obligations authorized by this resolution to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or other obligations.
- (g) That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance, the Treasurer, the Mansfield Middle School Heating System Conversion Committee and other proper officers of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds, notes or other obligations and to obtain grants to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REFERENDUM ON REPLACEMENT OF THE ELECTRICAL HEATING SYSTEM AT THE MANSFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH A FOSSIL-FUEL HEATING SYSTEM.

RESOLVED,

(a) That pursuant to Sections 406 and 407 of the Town Charter the resolution adopted by the Council under Item 3 of this meeting, appropriating \$3,800,000 for replacement of the electrical heating system at the Mansfield Middle School with a fossil-fuel heating system and authorizing the issue of bonds and notes and temporary notes to finance the appropriation, shall be submitted to the voters at referendum to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 in conjunction with the election to be held on that date, in the manner provided by said Charter and the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, including the procedures set out in Section 9–369d(b)(2) of said Statutes, and in accordance with "Ordinance Regarding the Right of Voters Who Are Not Electors to Vote at Referenda Held in Conjunction with an Election", adopted by the Mansfield Town Council on August 25, 1997. The resolution shall be placed upon the paper ballots or voting machines under the following heading:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD APPROPRIATE \$3,800,000 FOR

REPLACEMENT OF THE ELECTRICAL HEATING SYSTEM AT THE MANSFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH A FOSSIL-FUEL HEATING SYSTEM, AND AUTHORIZE BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO DEFRAY SAID APPROPRIATION?"

Voters approving a resolution will vote "Yes" and those opposing said resolution shall vote "No". The Town Clerk shall publish notice of such referendum votes as part of the notice of the election to be held on November 7, 2006. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

(b) That, in their discretion, the Town Clerk is authorized to prepare a concise explanatory text regarding the resolution concerning the replacement of the electrical heating system at the Mansfield Middle School; and the Town Manager is authorized to prepare additional explanatory materials regarding the resolution, such text and explanatory material to be subject to the approval of the Town Attorney and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with Section 9-369b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended.

Motion so passed unanimously.

4. Classification of Assistant to Town Manager Position

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective when the current assistant town manager's position becomes vacant, to replace the assistant town manager position with the position of assistant to town manager, and to set the pay grade for the assistant to town manager position at grade 22 of the town administrators pay plan.

Motion so passed unanimously.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to move into Executive Session. Motion so passed.

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer

Also Present: Matthew Hart, Assistant Town Manager

Personnel Issues

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to move out of Executive Session Motion so passed.

IV.ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion so passed.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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